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THE KAHUNA CAPTURED

A Good Feast of Awa Costs Money.

A FAKIR FINED THE LIMIT.

The Wife of a Sick Man Calls a Kahuna.
A Failure to Cure Leads to a Kick.
The Kahuna Fined One Hundred Dollars—Had No Doctor's Diploma.

There was a most interesting kahuna case in the police court yesterday the details of which brought frequent smiles to the usually sober faces of the officials of the court room. It was the old story of taro leaf, awa root and other tomfoolery for the cure of diseases. Kahaleole happened to be the unlucky kahuna. Arraigned against him were several women who testified that the man had "done them up."

A short time ago a man by the name of Hamakuumoo was taken sick. A native kahuna, Lilihi, was called in attendance and recommended that he and his wife be removed to a house on the McCully premises, Punahou. This they did. Lilihi went to the house later and said that the Great Powers of Nowhere had refused to listen to him regarding the cure of the sick man, so he spread his coat and turned from the door leaving the household in a perplexed condition.

But the influences were at work and Pahupu, an inmate of the house, had a wonderful dream in which were revealed mysterious things. On the witness stand Pahupu said she went to bed at night and while lying upon a particularly hard spot of her couch she saw the spirit of a medium-sized man. In his eyes were that far away look and that brilliant lustre which betoken mystery. Advancing to her spirit, the two touched noses and began a pow-wow. Said the deep voice of the man's spirit, "I have seen the sickness of your friend mam; I have seen his swollen body; know that I without much trouble can restore to health and strength." Then the woman's spirit vouchsafed answer, "If the case be such, you might as well cure him."

Then the spirit held up a bottle of peculiar hue and the woman sighed mournfully. She wakened and went, midnight as it was, to the room of the sick man and his wife. While on the way, a distance of a few feet, she became wrapped in meditation. Had she seen the man before or was it a fake? And if a fake what species of that indefinite article was it? But then the dream was very plain, the man she had seen once a very short time ago. She remembered now he had been to see her about getting some awa root. She refused and Haleole left mumbling vague things. Immediately her body began to swell and she saw toads swimming before her eyes. She was taken to the hospital and restored to health. The outcome of the affair was that Kahaleole was called in.

Then came the circus and the light went out amid the howling of dogs. Kahaleole with one eye closed and the other looking heavenward came in the door with a gust of wind. Pahupu being the most spiritual looking woman in the lot he called her to his side and gave his directions as follows: "I am Kahaleole, only son of my father, Ikeole, and my mother, Lolo. I can cure this man if you follow my directions. When your dog begins his barking, kindle out upon the lawn a fire hot as hell's own furnace. In your right hand take five taro leaves and in your left five chicken eggs. When a bluish flame appears throw the contents of both hands into the fire. Watch this bottle which I have; peculiar fluid is contained therein." Pahupu on smelling found the contents to be wine and brandy. "Pound some awa root with the heel of your shoe and add thereto a little mysterious water. This apply to the patient's body in

spots where the swelling appears. When the application dries apply more water. Do this all in soberest mood and at nightfall your friend will rise as a new man."

"But there is one part which I have not told," said the woman Pahupu. "Before these instructions were given, Kahaleole asked for a dollar. He said a dollar was necessary in order that he might be able to look into the mysterious abode of spirits and learn the bidding of the bosses thereof. Kahakumaka, the sick man's wife, threw a dollar at her husband. The sick man grasped the coin and threw it nearer to the kahuna, who took it and delivered himself as follows: 'This dollar my beloved I intend to spend mostly for refreshment with which to strengthen my body and thus my spirits in the interest of that poor man. The remainder I intend to put in the contribution box at the Catholic cathedral. Blessed be the dollar, and that is the last I or anyone else ever saw of that particular coin. He left us while the wind began to play sundry tunes through the branches of the algaroba trees, and with the early piping of the little birds, the patient died.'

As the woman finished her story Kahaleole sighed and gazed at an ant on the floor while Judge Perry fined him \$100 for maintaining and conducting a game of lottery known as kahunaism.

A WAR VETERAN.
Sam McKeague Proud of a Medal.
A Souvenir of the G. A. R.

Sam McKeague was the delegate sent by Geo. W. De Long Post, No. 45 of Honolulu, to the G. A. R. Encampment at Louisville, Ky., September 11, 12 and 1895. As a souvenir of that occasion he received a badge from headquarters on the last Australia. The facts connected with it are extremely interesting.

The medal in the souvenir was procured by melting and blending the two war cannons donated to the Citizens' Committee of Louisville by an Act of Congress, February 28, 1895. The cannons were shipped from the Rock Island arsenal, reaching Louisville, May 17th. They were escorted through the principal streets with great honors. Both were in actual service in the civil war, one on the Union and the other on the Confederate side. The Union gun was made by N. P. Ames of Springfield, Mass., in 1842, and the Confederate gun by Leeds & Co., New Orleans, La., in 1862.

The upper part of the medal is the figure of a horse and immediately below this is a flat piece of metal upon which are stamped a barrel and a spray of the tobacco plant separated by the letters G. A. R. The horse represents the famous horse-raising State of Kentucky, the barrel the famous "Bluegrass" whiskey and the tobacco, the extra fine article of Kentucky. Below this is a round piece of metal upon which has been stamped a Union and a Confederate soldier in the act of shaking hands. The words "United we stand, divided we fall," stand out prominently.

The encampment at Louisville was the first ever held south of Dixie's line, and for that reason it was deemed appropriate for the occasion to blend the cannon of the north and south as the emblem of the existence of good feeling.

Better Have Been a Banner.
MR. EDITOR:—Putting up the flag of my nation over the gates of the church to which I belong is a very objectionable thing to me, as it has a political and not a religious significance. If the party, or parties, who put it up had substituted a banner of some kind instead it would have been better.

A CATHOLIC HAWAIIAN.
The wife of Mr. Leonard Wells, of East Brimfield, Mass., had been suffering from neuralgia for two days, not being able to sleep or hardly keep still, when Mr. Holden, the merchant there, sent her a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and asked that she give it a thorough trial. On meeting Mr. Wells the next day he was told that she was all right, the pain had left her within two hours, and that the bottle of Pain Balm was worth \$5.00 if it could not be had for less. For sale at 50 cents per bottle by all dealers. Bessons, Smith & Co., agents for H. I.

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Some complaints have been made by individuals against what they consider an exorbitant tax rate in Hawaii, and the complaint is made probably without giving the matter any real consideration or comparing the tax rate here with that of localities in the United States.

Among some people the opinion prevails that in order to meet the expenses incurred during the January revolution, and again on account of suppression of cholera, that a much higher rate will have to be fixed this year.

A prominent business man and large holder of real estate remarked to a reporter for the ADVERTISER yesterday:

"I am in favor of an increased tax rate, say for the next two years, in order that the Government may be placed on a sounder financial basis. I do not mean that the higher rate shall continue indefinitely, because I do not consider it necessary. Two years from this time matters will be in a more settled condition and the expenses of the Government will have been cut down to a really normal figure, and it will not require the same amount of money to support it. It would be very nice if we could have a large surplus in the treasury, but I do not think it advisable to burden the people with taxation in order to secure it.

"What do I mean by a 'normal figure'? Why, considerably below what it is now, and it will come through a reduction in the expenses of certain departments, and when the expense of the entire Government is not larger than the revenue the finances of the Government will be in such shape that the head of that department will not be held responsible for the difficulty that is experienced at times to meet current expenses."

"But suppose at the end of two years the Government, through your scheme for increasing the taxes, is not more stable, what will be your remedy then?"

"Continue the rate for another two years," promptly replied the merchant. "But you know that stability means ability to pay bills promptly. It is with the Government as it is with business. Let a firm be in a position through its profits to be able to liquidate its bills promptly and you will find everyone extolling the ability of the man at the head and the stability of the house will not be questioned. On the other hand, if the expense of conducting the business should be greater than the profits on the goods sold, and bills which had been formerly discounted were allowed to run on to maturity and beyond and extensions were asked, the stability of that firm would be questioned in short order."

"Now, as a matter of fact, you, as a taxpayer, would object to an increase in taxes, would you not?"

"Not much! If I thought I would I am sure the suggestion for it would not come from me. Why should I object? I have as much at stake here as the average man and I am willing to pay my pro rata toward putting the Government on a sounder financial basis. See here," and the gentleman began to show some feeling on the subject, "the Hawaiian Islands are as fine a locality as any in the world as a place of residence, and yet there is a constant howl by certain individuals regarding taxes and stability of government. Look at this," and he drew out a newspaper clipping covered with figures, "here is the tax list of Santa Clara county, California, look at it. In 1850 the tax rate was \$2.25, four years later it was down to \$1.40. In 1860 the rate was \$2.60. Today it is \$1.45.

In 1850 the amount raised was \$109,874.13 and in 1895 the amount raised was \$745,949.52. The increase in amount raised with a reduction in the levy is accounted for, of course, in two ways—the increase in population and the natural increase in the value of the property. The rate is governed entirely by circumstances. It should be the same here."

"But, would not this increase in taxation cause dissatisfaction among the residents generally?"

"Only among the people who are crying down the government—people whose loyalty is governed by the amount of business they get out of it; men who growl if they get no business, and by the others who occasionally have to wait three months to collect their accounts against the various departments. And that reminds me. The business of this country is done practically on a three months basis. If I buy a bill of goods the first of January, the man I buy from does not expect pay for them before the 15th of April. If I should go into his store and pay him the face of the invoice thirty days after the date of purchase, it would be a surprise to him. Very few men want to surprise people they buy from even if they have the money, consequently they take advantage of the system of quarterly accounts. But what was the result when Mr. Damon introduced the prevailing methods of settlements into the Finance office; there was a great hue and cry against his administration, and yet those same men will sell a merchant goods on three months time and not complain if the bill is not paid until two months after it is due."

"And you believe that increased taxation is the panacea for all the ills which the Government is suffering from?"

"All the ills? I fail to see what ills exist other than an increased expense and no increase in the revenue. If the tax levy in Santa Clara county can fluctuate as statistics show that it has, there is no reason in my mind that it should not here. Just now the expenses to be met here are large and they have been made so by revolutions and disease, to meet them let the tax rate be increased and when the affairs are thoroughly and permanently settled it may be reduced. You may rest assured of one thing, directly the money is in the treasury, Minister Damon will pay it out. I am satisfied, and every reasonable man should be, that the methods he has adopted for assisting the Government when the taxes are not coming in were what the conditions required not what he wished."

If this man's opinion should be shared by the legislators at the next session of the Legislature it is probable the tax will be raised.

Probable Changes in Laws.

It is rumored that an official of the Government is drafting a bill which will materially change the passport regulations of the Islands as well as the credit system in vogue here. As matters now stand a man can go into debt to whatever extent a merchant sees fit to allow him, but if, through lack of funds, he is unable to settle his indebtedness and wants to leave the country his passport can be stopped upon notification to the customs authorities.

Under the new law if a man can show beyond question that he has no money to pay his bills, and can prove that he has only enough to take him out of the country and he is desirous of so doing he will be allowed to depart.

Some years ago an attempt was made to do away with the credit system, but the attempt failed. If the plan mentioned above should really become a law it is probable the system will be materially changed.

The Yatman Services.

There were five full services preached by Mr. Yatman yesterday. The first at the Portuguese Church, the second at Central Union and the balance at Association Hall. These last were particularly successful, both from a religious as well as a financial point of view. At the woman's meeting Mr. Yatman raised \$734.75, and at the men's meeting, a little later, \$1,414.75, making a total of \$2,149.50 toward paying off the debt incurred by the association in building the addition to their hall.